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Looks like I'm on some list regarding this.....

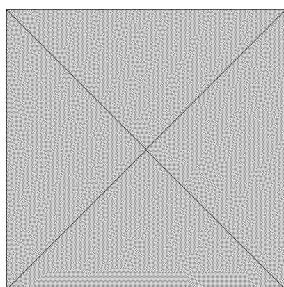
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Gwen is the reporter correct in stating: A violation of RCRA and not NPDES?

EPA Workers Leaving Feces in Office Hallway

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By Valerie Richardson



DENVER — The Environmental Protection Agency wants to crack down on power-plant emissions, but it may have a bigger problem with the emissions of its own employees.

An email obtained by the news website Government Executive reports that an administrator in the EPA's Region 8 office urged employees to stop defecating in the hallways of the agency's swanky office building in LoDo.

Howard Cantor, deputy regional director, cited "several incidents," including workers clogging toilets with paper towels and feces found outside the restroom.

"Management is taking this situation very seriously and will take whatever actions are

necessary to identify and prosecute these individuals,” Mr. Cantor wrote.

Added Government Executive, “He asked for any employees with knowledge of the poop bandit or bandits to notify their supervisor.”

EPA Region 8 spokesman Richard Mylott said in a statement that mental illness was involved.

“Mental illness and destructive behavior in the workplace are serious issues that all large organizations must periodically face,” said Mylott. “EPA’s actions in response to incidents that occurred months ago have been deliberate and have focused on our responsibility to ensure a safe work environment for our employees. Our brief consultation with Dr. [John] Nicoletti on this matter, a resource who regularly provides our office with training and expertise on workplace issues, reflects that responsibility.” EPA officials also “consulted” with John Nicoletti, a workplace violence “national expert,” who warned that the individuals involved would “probably escalate” their behavior, according to the email obtained by Government Executive.

Improperly disposing of human waste is a violation of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, according to the EPA website.

The EPA’s Denver building includes such environmentally friendly features as waterless urinals and solar panels on the roof.